

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTRA COSTA BASS CLUB EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010

- 1. TERM:** THESE TOURNAMENT RULES ARE IN EFFECT STARTING AT THE FIRST TOURNAMENT AND REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. THESE RULES MAY ONLY BE CHANGED AFTER THE NOVEMBER TOURNAMENT AND BEFORE THE JANUARY TOURNAMENT THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
- 2. SPIRIT OF THE RULE:** ALL RULES HAVE "LOOPHOLES". IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE CLUB TO PROVIDE AN HONEST SPORTSMANLIKE TOURNAMENT. IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, CLUB MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE "SPIRIT OF THE RULE" WILL PREVAIL IN ALL JUDGEMENTS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ALL JUDGEMENT CALLS SHALL BE MADE BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE.
- 3. PARTICIPATION:** ALL TOURNAMENTS ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WHOSE DUES ARE NOT IN ARREARS. ANY MEMBER WHO HAS NOT PAID THEIR DUES PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT, AS DEFINED IN THE **BY-LAWS ARTICLE XI SEC. 3** WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR POINTS OR AWARDS. DUES ARE **NOT** TO BE PAID AT THE TOURNAMENT. IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY THEIR DUES ON TIME.
- 4. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND GUESTS:** THEY MAY FISH TOURNAMENTS ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS. THEY WILL PAY NO CLUB FEES AND ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR POINTS OR AWARDS.
- 5. PARTNER PAIRING:** ALL MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MONTHLY MEETING MUST DECLARE THEIR INTENTION TO FISH, AND TO WHETHER THEY WILL FISH "BOATER" OR "NON-BOATER". NAMES WILL THEN BE PUT INTO SEPARATE BOXES STARTING WITH BOAT 1. A NAME WILL BE DRAWN FROM THE BOATER BOX THEN FROM THE NON-BOATER BOX. THIS WILL BE THE PAIRING FOR BOAT 1, AND WILL BE THEIR BLAST OFF NUMBER. FOR TWO DAY TOURNAMENTS THERE **MAY** BE A REDRAW FOR THE SECOND DAY. THIS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST DRAW. THE **SAME BOATER AND NON-BOATERS CANNOT BE DRAWN TOGETHER MORE THAN TWICE IN ONE YEAR**. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO INSURE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF BOATERS AND NON-BOATERS. IF, HOWEVER, THERE ARE MORE BOATERS THAN NON-BOATERS, TWO BOATERS WILL HAVE THE CHOICE TO FISH TOGETHER AND DECIDE WHOSE BOAT TO USE OR IF THEY SHOULD CHOOSE, FISH BY THEMSELVES, AS LONG AS THEY DECLARED THEIR INTENT TO FISH AT THE TIME OF THE DRAW FOR THAT TOURNAMENT. NO TWO PEOPLE SHALL PAIR UP MORE THEN TWICE IN ONE YEAR. IF A NON-BOATER OR RESERVE DECIDES TO FISH, THE NON-BOATER WILL GO WITH THE DRAWN SOLO BOATER. IF THERE ARE EXTRA NON-BOATERS, IT WILL BE UP TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION TO TRY TO HAVE ALL NON-BOATERS HAVE A RIDE. A **BOATER SHALL NOT BE DRAWN** TO FISH SOLO MORE THAN **TWICE IN ONE YEAR**.
- 6. BLAST-OFF:** THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL ANNOUNCE AT THE MEETING PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT WHAT TIME YOU HAVE TO BE ON THE WATER. IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE WATER AND READY WHEN YOUR NUMBER IS CALLED, YOU WILL THEN GO TO THE END OF THE LINE AND GO OUT LAST. ALL BOATS WILL GO PAST THE BLAST-OFF BOAT AND SHOW THEIR LIVE WELLS. ANYONE NOT FOLLOWING THIS RULE WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.
- 7. WAITING LIST:** IF A MEMBER, AT MEETING TIME IS NOT SURE IF THEY WILL BE ABLE TO FISH THE UPCOMING TOURNAMENT, THEY MAY GO ON A WAITING LIST. MEMBERS ON THE WAITING LIST WILL BE ALLOWED TO FISH THE TOURNAMENT IF THEY NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR NO LATER THAN THE **WED**. PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT. THE MEMBERS ON THE WAITING LIST **WILL NOT** HAVE THE OPTION OF BEING A BOATER UNLESS A NON-BOATER BECOMES AVAILABLE AND IS APPROVED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. THE NEEDS OF THE CLUB TO HAVE TWO MEMBERS IN EACH BOAT WILL TAKE PRECEDENT.
- 8. SHARING EXPENSES:** NON-BOATERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PAY **\$40.00** TO THE BOATER TO HELP OUT WITH THE COST OF OPERATING THE BOATS, SO LET'S DO OUR PART TO ASSURE THE BOATERS SHOW UP AND TAKE US FISHING. IT IS LEFT TO THE BOATER'S DISCRETION TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IF NEEDED. IN ADDITION, THE NON-BOATER IS ENCOURAGED TO HELP OUT WITH BOAT TOWING EXPENSES TO OUT OF TOWN TOURNAMENTS.
- 9. SPORTSMANSHIP:** ANY CONTESTANT WHO DISPLAYS POOR SPORTSMANSHIP WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE TOURNAMENT HE IS FISHING. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN A CLEAR AND RESPECTABLE DISTANCE BETWEEN BOATS. FISHING ETIQUETTE SHALL PREVAIL AND CONTESTANTS SHALL NOT FISH WITHIN **50 YARDS** OF A BOATER AND HIS BUOYS.
- 10. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** ONLY ARTIFICIAL LURES MAY BE USED. HOWEVER, PORK AND PORK TYPE BAIT CAN BE USED. FISHING RODS CAN BE NO LONGER THAN 8' IN LENGTH.
- 11. TROLLING:** AS A METHOD OF FISHING IS NOT PERMITTED. RUNNING A LINE AND LURE WHILE THE COMBUSTION MOTOR IS IN OPERATION IS DEFINED AS TROLLING
- 12. RADIOS/CELL PHONES:** USE OF BOAT TO BOAT COMMUNICATION RADIOS OR CELL PHONES CONCERNING ANY ASPECT OF TAKING FISH IS PROHIBITED DURING ALL TOURNAMENTS. RADIOS AND CELL PHONES WILL BE PERMITTED FOR USE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.
- 13. ALCOHOL OR DRUGS:** USE IS PROHIBITED IN OR AROUND BOATS FROM LAUNCH UNTIL AFTER DOCKING BOAT FOR WEIGH-IN. ANYONE WHO APPEARS INTOXICATED PRIOR TO LAUNCH WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.
- 14. BOATING SAFETY:** BOATS WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH STANDARD COAST GUARD APPROVED SAFETY EQUIPMENT. ALL ANGLERS **MUST** WEAR APPROVED PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD'S) MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES THE BIG MOTOR IS ON. LIFE VEST CAN BE REMOVED AFTER CHECK IN TIME IN THE 5 MPH ZONE THE BOAT OPERATOR MUST ATTACH A FUNCTIONAL KILL SWITCH. SAFE BOATING IS A MUST.

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15. BOAT OPERATION AND FISHING LOCATION: EACH CONTESTANT HAS THE RIGHT TO FISH, UNDER SAFE CONDITIONS, FROM THE FRONT DECK AND CHOOSE THE FISHING AREA FOR ONE-HALF THE FISHING DAY. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

16. LEAVING BOAT: FISHING FROM DOCKS, SHORE, OR OTHER PLACES IS PROHIBITED. ALL FISH WILL BE HOOKED, FOUGHT AND LANDED FROM WITHIN THE BOAT. GETTING OUT OF THE BOAT TO VIEW FISH LOCATIONS IS ALSO PROHIBITED. IT IS PERMISSIBLE TO PLACE ONE FOOT ON THE SHORE OR DOCK TO PREVENT BOAT DAMAGE, BUT ONE FOOT MUST REMAIN IN THE BOAT AT ALL TIMES. DOCKING AND LEAVING THE BOAT IS ONLY PERMITTED FOR PERSONAL OR SAFETY NEEDS.

17. FISH HANDLING: CONTESTANTS SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HANDLE FISH IN SUCH A FASHION AS TO ASSURE THE SAFE RELEASE OF FISH CAUGHT.

18. LIVE WELLS: WITH FUNCTIONING AERATION SYSTEMS MUST BE USED. ROPE OR METAL STRINGERS ARE PROHIBITED. FISH SHALL NOT BE REMOVED FROM LIVE WELLS EXCEPT IN CULLING SITUATIONS OR AT WEIGH-INS.

19. PRE-FISHING: THERE WILL BE NO PRE-FISHING RESTRICTIONS.

20. TOURNAMENT DATES AND LAKES: WILL BE SELECTED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE AND MAY BE CHANGED PENDING CONDITIONS AT THE LAKE, OR IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE MAJORITY OF THE CLUB.

21. FISHING HOURS: WILL BE SELECTED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO EACH TOURNAMENT. IT IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN TO DECIDE WHAT IS SAFE LIGHT TO BLAST OFF.

22. OFFICIAL TIMEPIECE: WILL BE THAT OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

23. START AND FINISH: ALL CONTESTANTS WILL START AND FINISH AT THE LAKE HEADQUARTERS (USUALLY THE LAUNCH SITE) AS SET BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.

24. OFF LIMITS AREAS: UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, THE LAUNCH AREA, HOST MARINA, AND RELATED FIVE MILE PER HOUR ZONE WILL BE OFF LIMITS TO FISHING.

25. CHECK-IN: ALL BOATS MUST BE CHECKED FOR FUNCTIONAL LIVE WELLS AND BOTH ANGLERS MUST WEAR APPROVED PFD'S PRIOR TO BLASTOFF. ALL BOATS MUST IDLE PAST THE DESIGNATED BLASTOFF BOAT IN ORDER TO BE CHECKED. IN THE EVENT THAT AN ANGLER IS LATE FOR THE BLASTOFF, HE MAY STILL BE ELIGIBLE TO FISH IF HE LOCATES ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER AND HAS HIS LIVE WELLS CHECKED AND VERIFIED AS EMPTY PRIOR TO FISHING.

26. NOTIFICATION OF EARLY DEPARTURE: ANY CONTESTANT WHO MUST LEAVE THE WATER AFTER LAUNCH AND BLASTOFF MUST NOTIFY A CLUB MEMBER OR LEAVE AN OBVIOUS NOTE ON AN OFFICER'S VEHICLE. A SEARCH PARTY WILL BE FORMED TO LOOK FOR ANY BOAT THAT FAILS TO CHECK IN BY THE END OF THE WEIGH-IN.

27. OFFICIAL MEASURING DEVICE: THE OFFICIAL CLUB MEASURING DEVICE WILL BE A 22" GOLDEN RULE CALIBRATED AT 1/4" INCREMENTS. ALL TOURNAMENT BOATS MUST HAVE THIS OR AN EQUIVALENT MEASURING DEVICE ON BOARD TO MEASURE FISH IN THE EVENT OF A CARD SYSTEM TOURNAMENT. A GOLDEN RULE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE WEIGH-IN TO MEASURE FISH. FISH OF QUESTIONABLE LENGTH WILL BE MEASURED ON THIS BOARD HANGING AT A 45 DEGREE ANGLE WITH THE MOUTH OPEN AND TAIL SWISHED.

28. LEGAL FISH: WILL BE LARGE MOUTH, SMALL MOUTH, OR SPOTTED BASS OF AT LEAST 12 1/2" IN LENGTH. THE CLUB WILL ABIDE BY ANY MODIFIED REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC LAKES AS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME (E.G. CLEAR LAKE AND OROVILLE).

29. CARD SYSTEM TOURNAMENTS: CERTAIN TOURNAMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ARE DESIGNATED AS "CARD SYSTEM" TOURNAMENTS. DURING THESE TOURNAMENTS, FISH ARE TO BE MEASURED (AS DESCRIBED IN RULE # 27) IMMEDIATELY AFTER LANDING. THE LENGTH OF THE FISH IS TO BE VERIFIED BY THE ANGLER'S PARTNER AND THEN WRITTEN ON THE "CARD" PROVIDED PRIOR TO THAT TOURNAMENT. ANGLERS WILL BE AWARDED THE WEIGHT FOR THAT FISH'S LENGTH AS LISTED ON THE "CARD". A FISH MUST MEASURE AT LEAST 12 1/2" AND THOSE THAT MEASURE OVER A QUARTER INCH INCREMENT MAY ROUND UP TO THE NEXT QUARTER INCH INCREMENT FOR RECORDING LENGTH. *(EG A 13 3/8" FISH WILL RECORD AS 13 1/2" ON THE CARD)*. ANY MEMBER FISHING ALONE IN A CARD SYSTEM TOURNAMENT ON A SLOT LAKE WILL BE ON AN "HONOR SYSTEM", UNLESS A FISH IS OVER THE SLOT. IN THAT CASE, ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER MUST VERIFY THE MEASUREMENT OF THE FISH. IF THE LAKE DOES NOT HAVE A SLOT LIMIT ALL FISH MEASUREMENTS MUST BE VERIFIED BY ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER. FOR **BIG FISH POT ON CARD TOURNAMENTS**, THE WEIGHT WILL BE DETERMINED BY WEIGHING THE LARGES/HEAVEST FISH CAUGHT **OVER 15"**. IF NO QUALIFIED **FISH OVER 15"** ARE WEIGHED REFER BACK TO CARD FOR ANY OR ALL REMAINING WEIGHTS. THE LENGTH OF THE QUALIFIED **BIG FISH OVER 15"** IS STILL RECORDED ON THE CARD AS LENGTH TO CALCULATE WEIGHT FOR THE CARD TO COMBINE AS TOTAL WEIGHT FOR THE TOURNAMENT. THE ACTUAL WEIGHT OF THE QUALIFIED FISH IS **RECORDED FOR THE BIG FISH POT ONLY**.

30. CULLING OF FISH: THE LIMIT FOR CLUB TOURNAMENTS IS FIVE (5) FISH PER ANGLER. CULLING IS PERMISSIBLE TO ALLOW AN ANGLER TO MAINTAIN HIS HEAVIEST LIMIT. CARE MUST BE TAKEN NOT TO EXCEED THE DAILY BAG LIMIT PER BOAT WHEN DOING SO. ALL FISH MUST BE CULLED **IMMEDIATELY** AND A CAPTIVE RELEASED. CULLING OF A DEAD FISH IS **NOT ALLOWED**.

31. SCORING: FISH WILL BE MEASURED IN POUNDS, TENTHS AND HUNDREDS OF A POUND. EACH CONTESTANT'S

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BIG FISH WILL BE WEIGHED AND USED AS A TIEBREAKER.

32. MEMBERS SELECTED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR SHALL CONDUCT WEIGH-IN: ALL FISH MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SCALES IN A FISH BAG WITH AMPLE AMOUNTS OF WATER SO AS NOT TO CAUSE THE FISH UNDUE STRESS. ONLY THE NEXT BOAT IN LINE WILL BE ALLOWED TO WAIT ON THE DOCK WITH THEIR FISH IN THE WATER. OTHERWISE FISH MUST BE LEFT IN THE LIVE WELLS UNTIL YOUR TURN.

33. BIG FISH OVER 5 POUNDS: MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SCALES IN A SEPARATE BAG BY THEMSELVES AND ALL OTHER BAGS SHOULD HAVE NO MORE THAN 5 LBS.

34. TROPHY FISH: ANY LARGEMOUTH OVER 7 POUNDS MAY BE CLAIMED BY ITS CAPTOR. ONLY ONE TROPHY FISH PER SPECIES, PER ANGLER, PER YEAR IS ALLOWED. ANY FISH KEPT MUST BE PRESENTED AT A CLUB FUNCTION WITHIN 6 MONTHS. IF AN EXTENSION IS NEEDED YOU MUST SUBMIT IT IN WRITING WITH A RECEIPT OF INTENT. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A 3 MONTH SUSPENSION.

35. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL DETERMINE RELEASE SITE OF ALL LIVE FISH AT THE WEIGH-IN SITE.

36. PENALTIES SHALL BE ASSESSED AS FOLLOWS:

A. CONTESTANTS THAT ARE LATE OR HAVE NOT CHECKED IN AT THE SPECIFIC FINISH TIME WILL BE ASSESSED A 1LB PER MINUTE PENALTY FOR UP TO FIVE MINUTES, OVER FIVE MINUTE THE CONTESTANT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. CONTESTANTS WITH BOAT OR MOTOR TROUBLE MAY TRANSFER THEIR FISH TO ANOTHER BOAT AND ONE OF THE ANGLERS MUST ACCOMPANY THEM TO THE WEIGH-IN. UPON TRANSFERRING FISH THE ANGLER ACCOMPANYING THE FISH MAY NOT FISH ANY LONGER.

B. THERE WILL BE A .25 (1/4) POUND PENALTY FOR EACH FISH THAT CANNOT BE RELEASED ALIVE.

C. THERE WILL BE A 1.00 (ONE) POUND PENALTY FOR EACH SHORT FISH.

37. COMPLAINTS OR PROTESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IN WRITING NO LATER THAN 30 MINUTES AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE WEIGH-IN. THE DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE FINAL IN ALL MATTERS.

38. DEBRIEFING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF EVERY TOURNAMENT. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF THE DEBRIEFING. THE **TOP 5 FINISHERS** WILL BE REQUIRED TO GIVE DESCRIPTIONS OF LURES, PATTERNS, TECHNIQUES AND PRESENTATIONS ON HOW THEY DID IT TODAY. ANGLERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO GIVE DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF THEIR ACTUAL "HONEY HOLES".

39. DRAW TOURNAMENT PRIZES:

1ST THROUGH 5TH PLACE -----TROPHIES/PLAQUES BIG FISH OF TOURNAMENT-----BIG FISH PLAQUES

1ST PLACE TEAM-----PLAQUES (NOTE: THE TEAM CATCHING THE MOST NUMBER OF FISH DETERMINES THE TEAM FINISH. HIGHEST WEIGHT OF THOSE FISH WILL SERVE AS THE TIEBREAKER IF NECESSARY. TEAMS MADE UP OF ONE MEMBER AND ONE GUEST WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR TEAM AWARDS, BUT ONLY THE MEMBER WILL RECEIVE A PLAQUE.)

PRESIDENT'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD-----ANY MEMBER OR GUEST WHO CATCHES A FIVE FISH LIMIT AND DOES NOT PLACE IN THE TOP FIVE PLACES MAY RECEIVE A SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT AT THE NEXT MEETING.

40. SPECIAL PRIZES: \$50.00 WILL BE AWARDED TO A CONTESTANT WITH THE HEAVIEST STRINGER OVER FIFTEEN (15) POUNDS.

41. POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN EACH CLUB TOURNAMENT WILL RECEIVE 50 POINTS, 2ND-49 POINTS, 3RD- 48 POINTS, 4TH-47 POINTS, ETC. ADDITIONALLY, THERE WILL BE 5 POINTS AWARDED TO EACH ANGLER WHO **ATTENDS THE DEBRIEF** AFTER THE TOURNAMENT. A MEMBER WILL RECEIVE PLACEMENT POINTS IF HE PLACED IN THE STANDINGS BY LEGAL CATCHING OF AT LEAST ONE FISH. A MEMBER THAT DOES NOT CATCH A FISH DURING THE TOURNAMENT WILL THEN ONLY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEBRIEF POINTS **IF HE STAYS FOR THE DEBRIEF.** (ROLL WILL BE TAKEN!)

TO ENCOURAGE MEETING ATTENDANCE, THERE WILL BE 5 POINTS AWARDED TO ALL MEMBERS **ATTENDING** A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING AND SIGNING THE SIGN-IN SHEET (NO SIGN-IN, NO POINTS). DUES MUST BE CURRENT AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING. NO MORE THEN 40 POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR MEETING POINTS IN ONE YEAR.

FINAL STANDINGS WILL BE CALCULATED BY TOTALING THE POINTS FROM AN ANGLERS BEST EIGHT TOURNAMENT FINISHES, INCLUDING DEBRIEF POINTS FROM ONLY THOSE EIGHT TOURNAMENTS. ADDITIONALLY, MEMBER WILL RECEIVE UP TO 40 POINTS FOR MONTHLY MEETING.

42. SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS: THE MEMBERS FISHING ANY SPECIAL EVENT WILL SET PRIZES AND ENTRY FEES. THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE GOVERNED UNDER EXISTING RULES.

43. CLASSIC TOURNAMENT: THE **TOP TEN FINISHERS** AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TOURNAMENT SEASON WILL AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY FOR **THE CLASSIC** TOURNAMENT. THIS TOURNAMENT WILL PIT THESE TEN ANGLERS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER IN A WINNER TAKE ALL FORMAT TO DETERMINE THE CLASSIC CHAMPION FOR THE YEAR. THIS TOURNAMENT SHOULD BE HELD PRIOR TO THE CLUB BANQUET IN JANUARY OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

44. CLASSIC TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: THE **TOP TEN POINTS FINISHERS** WILL ELECT A DIRECTOR FOR THE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT. THE DIRECTOR SHOULD BE AN ACTIVE CLUB MEMBER WHO DID NOT FINISH IN THE TOP TEN FOR THE YEAR. THE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR DETERMINES THE LOCATION OF THE **CLASSIC TOURNAMENT.** THE LOCATION OF THE TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO THE CONTESTANTS UNTIL THE NIGHT BEFORE.

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THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL CALL THE NIGHT BEFORE BETWEEN 6PM AND 9PM TO GIVE DIRECTIONS ON WHERE TO MEET FOR THE TOURNAMENT.

45. OBSERVERS: A NON-COMPETING OBSERVER WILL BE PAIRED WITH EACH CLASSIC CONTESTANT. THE OBSERVER'S JOB WILL BE TO INSURE THAT THE CONTESTANT ADHERES TO ALL TOURNAMENT RULES. THE OBSERVER MAY NOT ASSIST THE CONTESTANT, EITHER WITH INFORMATION OR NETTING OF FISH, DURING THE TOURNAMENT. NON-BOATER MEMBERS THAT QUALIFY FOR THE CLASSIC WILL BE PAIRED WITH AN OBSERVER WHO IS A BOATER. OBSERVERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO FISH, WITHOUT CASTING FORWARD OF MID-BOAT.

46. CLASSIC FUNDS: THE CLUB SHALL PROVIDE THE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT WITH FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00. THIS MONEY IS TO BE USED FOR THE AWARD FOR THE WINNER OF THE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT. THIS AWARD WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE, AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE YEAR.

47. END-OF-YEAR AWARDS: TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED AT AN ANNUAL BANQUET TO THE **TOP TEN FINISHERS** (AS DETERMINED IN RULE #41). THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER, OR ANGLER-OF-THE-YEAR, WILL RECEIVE A CLUB JACKET OR EQUIVALENT AWARD. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE FOR THE YEAR-END TROPHIES, THE FOLLOWING TIEBREAKER RULES WILL BE APPLIED, IN ORDER, UNTIL A WINNER IS DETERMINED.

1. POINTS ACCUMULATED FROM BEST 8 FINISHES (WITHOUT DEBRIEF POINTS)
2. TOTAL WEIGHT CAUGHT DURING THE SAME BEST 8 FINISHES
3. LARGEST BASS CAUGHT
4. TOTAL WEIGHT CAUGHT DURING ALL TOURNAMENTS FISHED FOR THAT YEAR
5. TOTAL FISH COUNT WEIGHED IN THAT YEAR
6. IF STILL TIED, AN OFFICIAL TIE WILL BE DECLARED A TROPHY AND MONETARY AWARD FOR THE ANGLER WHO CATCHES THE LARGEST FISH DURING THE YEAR, IN A CLUB TOURNAMENT. FIFTY CENTS PER MONTH OF EACH MEMBER'S DUES WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR THE CASH AWARD.